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The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (EOPSS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPSS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

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EOPSS Funding Opportunities

2008 Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Training Program Administration RFR

RFR Close Date: June 9, 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security's Highway Safety Division seeks to contract with a single organization to maintain and expand its Massachusetts Child Passenger Safety (CPS) Program. The goal of this program is to educate parents and caregivers on the proper selection and use of child safety seats and how to comply with the Massachusetts CPS law. The estimated total value of this contract will be \$1,875,000 for approximately three years.

For more information: www.mass.gov/osd (click on COMM-PASS, Browse All Open Solicitations)

2007-2008 Traffic Enforcement and Equipment Grant Program

Application Deadline: Rolling Open Enrollment through August 2008

The Executive Office of Public Safety and Security announces the availability of over \$3.6 million in federal funds for high visibility traffic enforcement and equipment grants through September 2008. Funds are available for local police and campus police departments to conduct mobilizations entitled "Click It or Ticket," "Road Respect," and "Drunk Driving. Over the Limit. Under Arrest." In addition, participating grant departments will be eligible to purchase traffic safety equipment, signage, and materials after July 1, 2008 upon successful completion of selected enforcement mobilizations. This is the last chance to take advantage of the equipment portion of this grant due to grant requirements.

For more information: www.mass.gov/eopsfunding (click on Highway Safety) or contact Caroline Hymoff, Highway Safety Division at 617-725-3334 Caroline.Hymoff@state.ma.us

Other Funding Opportunities

The following funding descriptions are taken directly from the official applications.

Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Training and Technical Assistance Program

Application Deadline: May 15, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Assistance seeks applications for funding to deliver training and technical assistance to state agencies to assist them with developing effective strategies for planning, implementing, or enhancing prescription drug monitoring programs. One or more cooperative agreements for a total of up to \$670,000 will be awarded for a project period of 12 months. The applicant who receives funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work. Eligibility is open to for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher learning.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/08PDMPTTAsol.pdf>.

State Courthouse Operations and Security Statistics Survey: Development and Design Phase Solicitation

Application Deadline: May 15, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks proposals for the development, design, and field testing of the State Courthouse Operations and Security Statistics Survey and for the preparation of an implementation plan for fielding the survey in 2009. The survey will collect information on the number of violent incidents and threats in the Nation's courthouses, persons and funding assigned to security details, procedures for handling defendants, public accessibility, and procedures for providing off-site judicial security. Eligibility is open to profit and non profit organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/scosss08sol.pdf>.

State Court Processing Statistics (SCPS) Redesign Solicitation

Application Deadline: May 15, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks applications for funding to redesign the State Court Processing Statistics (SCPS) project. The objectives of this project are to: redesign the SCPS data collection instrument; develop sampling methodologies for producing reliable estimates of felony case processing; develop and test alternative sampling strategies that allow for periodic modular enhancements of SCPS; develop statistical models for assessing the reliability of the proposed sampling frameworks; develop procedures that minimize data collection costs; conduct field tests of revised SCPS data collection instrument; develop methods to encourage participation from pretrial agencies, court personnel, sheriff and jail officials, prosecutors, and state criminal history depository programs in redesigned SCPS; develop methods for ensuring individual confidentiality; and provide an implementation plan for the redesigned SCPS data collection to begin in 2009. Eligibility is open to for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/scps08sol.pdf>.

Survey of State Court Criminal Appeals: Development and Design Phase Solicitation

Application Deadline: May 15, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks proposals to develop, design, and field test the Survey of State Court Criminal Appeals and to prepare an implementation plan for fielding the survey in 2009. The goal of the survey is to obtain information about the types of criminal cases appealed from state trial courts to state intermediate appellate courts and/or courts of last resort, the disposition of criminal appeals, appellate case processing time, and the impact of appellate litigation on trial court outcomes for criminal cases. This survey will examine the factors associated with litigating criminal appeals, the decision to continue or abandon criminal appeals, and the flow of criminal cases from the trial court to intermediate appellate courts and courts of last resort. Eligibility is open to for-profit and non-profit organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/sscca08sol.pdf>.

Methodological Research to Support the Redesign of the National Crime Victimization Survey

Application Deadline: May 29, 2008

The Bureau of Justice Statistics seeks proposals to assist in the redesign of the National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS). Ultimately, the goal of this grant is to redesign the NCVS to improve its methodology, introduce economies towards assuring its sustainability, and better meet the challenges of measuring the extent, characteristics, and consequences of criminal victimization as it exists today or may evolve in the future. Applicants applying for funds under this announcement may choose from four methodological research topics. Applicants may choose one or more research topics by submitting a separate proposal for each topic. Eligibility is open to for-profit and non-profit organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ncvs08sol.pdf>.

SAMHSA Grants to Expand and Strengthen Treatment Services for Persons Who Are Homeless

Application Deadline: May 29, 2008

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration seeks applications to expand and strengthen treatment services for persons who are homeless (including those who are chronically homeless) and who also have substance use disorders, mental disorders, or co-occurring substance use and mental disorders. Eligibility is open to public and private non profit entities. SAMHSA expects that up to \$10 million will be available for 25 grants of approximately \$400,000 per grant for up to five years.

For more information: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants/2008/ti_08_013.aspx.

FY 2008 National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance, and Demonstration Projects

Application Deadline: May 29, 2008

The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) seeks applications for funding to support the development of national-scope training, technical assistance, and demonstration project initiatives. All initiatives must be focused on improving the capacity of victim service providers and allied practitioners in advancing rights and services for crime victims in the following areas: elder abuse, sexual assault, victim restitution, child abuse, youth victimization, capacity building for victim service providers/organizations, victim services in corrections settings, domestic violence, stalking, the implications of DNA evidence for victims, and training and technical assistance on crime victims' rights. Eligibility is open to private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community-based organizations, colleges or universities, or public agencies.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/pdf/FY08_fieldtraining.pdf

Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program

Application Deadline: Open (an application for funding or technical assistance should be submitted to the OVC Director as soon as practical following a terrorist or mass violence incident)

OVC developed the Antiterrorism and Emergency Assistance Program to provide timely assistance to jurisdictions to address victim needs in the aftermath of an act of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants can apply for funds for only two situations: to compensate *and* assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur within the United States, or to assist victims of terrorism and mass violence that occur outside the United States. The funds available through the program may supplement other resources and services available to jurisdictions responding to acts of terrorism or mass violence. Applicants eligible for funding include state victim assistance and victim compensation programs; public agencies including federal, state, and local governments; and victim service and non-governmental organizations.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/pdf/antiterrorapplication.pdf>

Helping Outreach Programs to Expand Grant Program

Application Deadline: Open (contingent upon funding availability)

OVC will provide up to \$10,000 each to grassroots community and faith-based victim service organizations and coalitions to help improve their outreach and services to crime victims, through support of program development, networking, coalition building, and service delivery. Funds may be used to develop program literature, train advocates, produce a newsletter, support victim outreach efforts, and recruit volunteers. Eligible applicants include organizations and coalitions operating for at least 1 year that have not received federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) victim assistance grant funding and that have an annual operating budget of \$50,000 or less. All applicants must also have a history of serving crime victims.

For more information: <http://www.ovc.gov/fund/expandingoutreach/welcome.html>

Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation Domestic Violence Shelter Grant

Application Deadline: June 30, 2008

The goal of the Mary Kay Ash Charitable Foundation is to eliminate domestic violence. As a part of this effort, the Foundation wishes to donate funds to worthwhile organizations that aid the victims of domestic violence. The funds awarded by the Foundation may be used for the operating budget of the shelter, with the exception of staff travel. No exceptions will be made. Eligibility is open to shelters for victims of domestic violence.

For more information: http://www.mkacf.org/PDF/Shelter_Grant_App_2008.pdf

Research and Publications

Compendium of Research on Violence Against Women 1993-2008

The Violence and Victimization Research Division of the National Institute of Justice released this compendium which gathers together information on all federally funded research studies on violence against women between 1993 and 2008. Each entry provides the grant name, award received, name of the Principal Investigator, status of the research, scope of work, and any products produced as a result of the project. A total of 253 studies are included in the report.

Access full text at: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/topics/crime/violence-against-women/vaw_portfolio.pdf.

Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 2004

This report, published by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, presents data collected from a representative sample of felony cases filed in the 75 largest U.S. counties during May 2004. Highlights include demographic characteristics of felony defendants and types of arrest charges. Also included in the report are the defendants' conditions of pretrial release, adjudication outcomes, sentencing data, and in-depth information on their criminal records, such as status at the time of arrest and the number and type of prior arrests and convictions.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/fdluc04.pdf>.

Paving the Way for Project Safe Neighborhoods: SACSI in 10 U.S. Cities

This "Research In Brief" by the National Institute of Justice presents the results of an assessment of the Strategic Approaches to Community Safety Initiative (SACSI) in 10 cities nationwide. Based on an adaptation of Boston's Operation Ceasefire, SACSI was a 10-city, multi-pronged effort aimed at bringing together best practices for reducing and preventing violent crime. To measure the success of SACSI, researchers documented and assessed partnership formation and dynamics, strategic planning, problem-solving activities, the inclusion of research into site strategies and activities, program longevity, and the effect of the program based on local law enforcement reports and FBI Uniform Crime Reports data.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/216298.pdf>.

A Statewide Profile of Abuse of Older Women and the Criminal Justice Response

Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, the goal of this report is to provide a comprehensive picture of abuse of older women, including abuser characteristics, the types of abuse suffered, and the response of law enforcement to the reported abuse. Researchers examined every domestic violence report made to Rhode Island state and local law enforcement in 2002 involving female victims aged fifty and older, regardless of whether the alleged suspect was ultimately arrested. Data collected include: victim, offender, and incident characteristics; criminal justice system responses; and subsequent domestic violence incidences involving study victims or suspects.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/222459.pdf>.

HIV in Prisons, 2006

This webpage, available through the Bureau of Justice Statistics, examines the number of state and federal inmates infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or who had confirmed AIDS in 2006. Based on data from the National Prisoner Statistics Series, highlights of the report include: the count of AIDS-related deaths in prisons, profiles of inmates who died, the number of HIV positive inmates, and the circumstances under which inmates were tested for HIV.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/hivp06.pdf>.

Medical Problems of Prisoners

This webpage, available through the Bureau of Justice Statistics, provides statistics on state and federal prisoners who reported a current medical problem, a physical or mental impairment, a dental problem, or an injury since their admission. Based on data from the 2004 Survey of Inmates in State and Federal Correctional Facilities, the webpage includes the prevalence of specific medical problems and conditions, and examines these maladies by gender, age, and background characteristics.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/mpp.pdf>.

Electronic Crime Scene Investigation: A Guide for First Responders, Second Edition

The National Institute of Justice recently released this guidebook which is intended to be a comprehensive, user-friendly resource for law enforcement on how to respond to a wide range of victims of crime. The authors are careful to point out that the guidebook is not intended to be a training manual, but rather aims to highlight the most important issues faced by victims of crime. The guidebook, an update to earlier handbooks, consolidates and updates previous information and provides additional sections on responding to immigrant victims, victims with a disability, victims of human trafficking, and victims of mass casualty crimes.

Access full text at <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/219941.pdf>.

Conferences and Trainings

Connecting for Safe Communities: Suicide Prevention Across the Lifespan

May 13-14 in Sturbridge, MA

Co-sponsored by MA Department of Public Health, MA Department of Mental Health, MA Coalition for Suicide Prevention, and AdCare Education Institute Inc, this conference aims to increase awareness of suicide as a public health issue. Participants will learn about the Massachusetts Strategic Plan for Suicide Prevention and how to “take action” to implement the plan in their community. In addition, participants will learn how to enhance their suicide assessment and intervention skills and gain important insight on the special needs of suicide survivors. Registration is accepted by mail only.

For more information: [contact AdCare Education Institute at \(508\) 752-7313](mailto:contact@adcare.edu).

2008 Possibilities Symposium (A Children’s Safety Symposium)

May 29-30, 2008 in Springfield, MA

Hosted by Western New England College, this conference provides information and training on topics and model programs related to the health and safety of children. Participants can attend a variety of workshops on child abuse and neglect prevention and education programs. Workshops for specialized training credits and professional development will also be available. Scholarships for the symposium are available through OVC and Western New England College.

For more information: <http://www.onechildatime.net>.

2008 National Conference: Responses, Rights and Resources for Victims of Crime

June 2-4, 2008 in Portland, OR

Sponsored by the National Center for Victims of Crime, the goal of this conference is to improve responses, rights, and resources for victims of crime through multidisciplinary approaches to sharing promising practices, research, and policies. The conference will feature more than 90 experts in various fields presenting over 70 workshops in areas such as: direct services, violence against women, criminal justice, policy and victims’ rights, program management, and violent crime.

For more information: http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbID=DB_2005NationalConference571.

Domestic Violence Danger Assessment Training Project

June 23-24, 2008 in Marlborough, MA

Sponsored by EMERGE, this two-day training will focus on domestic violence danger assessment and risk management. The audience will include police and probation officers, victim advocates, prosecutors, and others. Guest presenters include representatives from the National Stalking Resource Center, the Newburyport High Risk Response Team, and Safety First. This training is free of charge, but limited to 125 people.

For more information: <http://www.emergedv.com> or call/email David Adams at Emerge at (617) 547-9879 or dadams9@aol.com.

2008 OJJDP National Youth Gang Symposium

June 23-26, 2008 in Atlanta, GA

Sponsored by the National Youth Gang Center and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, this conference will focus on innovative and effective strategies in dealing with youth gang issues. Sessions and workshops will highlight promising and best practice programs related to youth gang prevention, as well as provide up-to-date information on youth gang activities and trends from experts in the field.

For more information: <http://www.gangsymposium.org>.

National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Conference 2008

July 21-23, 2008 in Arlington, VA

Sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, this conference brings together a vast array of criminal justice professionals to share the most recent findings from research and technology, including what works, what doesn't work, and what the research shows as promising. Heavy emphasis is placed on the benefits of effective evidence-based policies and practices. The conference includes the DNA Grantees Workshop, formerly a separate event, and opportunities for attendees to exchange ideas, such as "Town Hall" luncheon and several evening events.

For more information: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/events/nij_conference/welcome.htm.

News

The following are excerpts from newspaper articles regarding public safety topics.

Penalties for Hub Officers Stiffened

***The Boston Globe*, March 29, 2008**

Boston Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis is meting out harsher punishments for officers who commit infractions that once resulted in reprimands and short suspensions, raising protests from union officials and lawyers, says *The Boston Globe*. In the past, the department has been criticized for being too lax in its discipline of wayward officers. Officials from the three unions that represent Boston police say the tougher penalties are fueling mistrust and hurting the Commissioner's relationship with the rank and file.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/03/29/penalties_for_hub_officers_stiffened/.

Machete Mayhem

***The Boston Herald*, April 6, 2008**

The Boston Herald recently reported that an eruption of machete attacks in cities across Massachusetts has law enforcement officials worried about the deadly weapons, which can be bought in stores for as little as \$25 with no questions asked. Since the start of 2008, there have been at least seven machete attacks in Boston, Lynn, Springfield, and Chicopee, according to police reports and news accounts. The attacks have sent nine people to the hospital with serious injuries. Unlike firearms and certain swords and blades, sales of machetes are not regulated in Massachusetts.

Access full text at: <http://www.bostonherald.com/news/regional/general/view.bg?articleid=1085266&srvc=home&position=0>.

Doubts Raised About Plan for Civilian Flaggers

***The Republican*, April 14, 2008**

Leaders on Beacon Hill are laying the groundwork for civilians to replace police officers on some roadside construction details, reports *The Republican*. Governor Deval L. Patrick and top legislators have agreed that the administration will write regulations for using civilians with flags to direct traffic at some less-traveled construction areas. While advocates say civilians could save the state between \$37 million and \$67 million each year, police argue that they provide a level of public safety, visibility, and clout at road construction sites that would be missing with civilian flaggers. Police have defeated several attempts in the past to limit their detail work or supplant them with civilians.

Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2008/04/doubts_raised_about_plan_for_c.html?category=Politics.

Bill Bars Gangs from ‘Safety Zones’

***The Boston Globe*, April 23, 2008**

Gang members seen talking to one another or standing together on public property could be fined or jailed under a new bill being pushed by Legislature and supported by some prosecutors and Boston Police, according to *The Boston Globe*. The bill would give broad authority to police and prosecutors to bring civil lawsuits against reputed gangs or their members, forbidding them to hang out together in the neighborhood and parks that police say they terrorize. Such a law has been hailed as a successful crime-fighting tool in cities such as Fort Worth, San Diego, and Los Angeles, which has been imposing civil injunctions against gangs such as the Crips and the Bloods since the 1980s. Boston Police Commissioner Edward F. Davis said he believes the injunctions would help neighborhoods.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2008/04/23/bill_bars_gangs_from_safety_zones/.

Foes, Saying Shelter Is Magnet For Criminals, Push For Closing

***The Worcester Telegram*, April 28, 2008**

According to *The Worcester Telegram*, District 4 City Councilor Barbara G. Haller and William T. Breault, chairman of the Main South Alliance for Public Safety, are planning to initiate a new campaign aimed at closing the People In Peril (PIP) shelter in Worcester. Haller and Breault argue that the shelter is a powerful magnet needlessly drawing crime and substance abuse into the neighborhood from outside the city. Opponents of closing the shelter without first having some other alternative counter that shutting the PIP's doors abruptly would only disperse shelter residents throughout Worcester, and will likely lead to more crime and fires as homeless people try to stay warm in the winter.

Access full text at: <http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-14/1208589311299180.xml&coll=1>.

Elders Warned of Latest Scams

***The Republican*, April 30, 2008**

Attorney General Martha M. Coakley recently spoke at a conference for statewide members of TRIAD, a program where police work with senior citizens to address safety, reports *The Republican*. Coakley discussed scams against the elderly, focusing on identity and credit card number theft. She told the TRIAD members to watch their credit card and bank statements and to report any questionable charges immediately. In addition, she advised those who have Social Security numbers as driver license numbers to change them, and to take care with Medicare cards which still use Social Security numbers. [Access full text at: http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-14/1209540258243110.xml&coll=1](http://www.masslive.com/news/republican/index.ssf?/base/news-14/1209540258243110.xml&coll=1).

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